

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE
FULL BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
8 APRIL 2009
Open Session
Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH, Chair

Patrick Barry, Esq.

Norm Chapman

Joan Crawley

Charles Cronin, DO

Robert Dinwoodie, DO

Joseph DiPietro, Esq.

Richard P. Iacobucci, MD

Shelagh McGowan

Board Members Absent:

Thomas Breslin, MD

Margaret Coughlin

Noubar Kessimian MD

Staff Members in Attendance:

Robert S. Crausman, MD, Chief Administrative Officer

Bruce W. McIntyre, Board General Counsel

Linda Julian, Board Investigator

Mary Salerno, Administrative Officer

Guests:

Patrick Kelly, Board of Pharmacy Intern

1. A quorum was established at 8:45 AM.

2. On a motion by Dr. Kessimian seconded by Ms. Crawley it was voted to approve the minutes of the 2 April 2009 Licensing Committee meeting with the removal of Kyle Nielson, MD to closed session and several additions reflected below:

The Open Session of the Allopathic-Osteopathic Licensing Committee of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline took place at 8:30 a.m. on the above date, in Room 205, Rhode Island Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island.

Committee members present were:

Margaret Coughlin

Charles Cronin DO

Noubar Kessimian MD

Committee members absent:

None

Staff members present were:

None

Appearances:

None

The Licensing Committee reviewed the application materials of the candidates listed below and directed the Director to issue licenses to practice Allopathic-Osteopathic Medicine pending approval of the Full Board on April 8, 2009 and receipt of the license form and fee.

Jisun Cha MD

Mark Drakos MD

Andrea Fritschle MD

Marisa Holubar MD

Chrisnel Jean MD

Jagan Kothapally MD

Tse Lau MD

Harold Phillips MD

Nicholas Potter MD

Walter Uyesugi MD

Jeffrey Vargo MD

Mark Walters MD

The Licensing Committee reviewed the application materials of the candidates listed below and directed the Director to issue licenses to practice Allopathic-Osteopathic Medicine pending approval of the Full Board on April 8, 2009 and receipt of the license form and fee.

The Committee reviewed the application materials of the endorsement candidates listed below whose applications are outstanding the FCVS materials. The Licensing Committee directed the Director to issue licenses to practice Allopathic-Osteopathic Medicine to the physicians listed below pending approval of the Full Board on April 8, 2009 and receipt of the license form and fee. The physicians are required to provide the FCVS materials within 90 days of the issuance of their license.

Michael Cicchese MD

William Cox, MD (addition)

Emillsa Domingo DO

Sarah Gaines, MD (addition)

Michael Kelly DO

Adam Levine, MD (addition)

Andrew Levinson MD

Marc Lieberman MD

Amanda Pressman MD

Barbara Russo MD

Susan Sweeney MD

Ramin Tabaddor MD

Otis Warren MD

Reactivations/Reinstatement Specialty License Number

Mary Gordinier MD Obstetrics & Gynecology MD08335

Emily White MD Obstetrics & Gynecology MD12104

Andre Zalzal MD Obstetrics & Gynecology MD04052

The Licensing Committee Pre-Reviewed the following physicians who have finished training and are pending the FCVS:

Christine Combs MD

Laura Della Tore MD

Atif Kidwai MD

Priya Mital MD

Todd Peters MD

The Licensing Committee Pre-Reviewed the following physicians who will be finishing training on 6-30-2009:

Saed Nemr MD

Sonal Patel MD

Tarek Rashid MD

New Academic Faculty applicants:

None presented

3. On a motion by Ms. McGowan seconded by Ms. Crawley it was voted to approve the minutes of the Open Session of the 11 March 2009 meeting.

4. Chief Administrative Officer's Report:

A. License eligibility inquiry: Richard D. Thomas, MD requested that the Board consider his eligibility for licensure application. This request is tabled pending further information regarding Dr. Thomas' training.

B. Rhode Island Hospital Quality Update on Policy Monitoring: The Board discussed the statistics regarding percentage of patient notes signed by attending physicians, approximately 90-92%, which is acceptable. If monitoring results for the next two quarters remain above 90% the monitored will no longer be required.

C. The Board reviewed the Resolutions for consideration at the FSMB 2009 Annual Meeting in May.

5. Old Business:

A. The use of the "Doctor" title was revisited for Members who were absent during previous discussion. Mr. Kelly, who will be obtaining his PharmD degree in May, advised the Board that all pharmacy students are instructed that once they obtain their degrees they must fully identify themselves to patients as "The Pharmacist" even though they are addressed as Doctor.

6. New Business:

A. Prior consultation for screening procedures performed by physicians such as colonoscopies and needle biopsies was discussed. The Board was queried regarding standard of care regarding requirements for pre-procedure assessments or consultations. The Board has tabled this discussion for further review.

B. Dr. Gifford updated the Board regarding legislation passed for E-Prescribing. By 2012 in order to prescribe, all Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants must be capable of E-Prescribing. Regulations will be going to hearing for the E-Prescribing Health Information Exchange (HIE). The law allows patients to voluntarily allow their medical information to flow through the Statewide Exchange for emergency purposes. Patients will specify how and when this information will be shared and they must formally request to have their information included in this program. The Regulations state that if a physician refuses to see a patient due to non-participation in the HIE the Department of Health may take appropriate action.

7. At 9:39 AM the Board adjourned to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 46-42-4 and 42-46-5 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

8. At 10:55 AM the Board reconvened to Open Session to discuss the following:

A. Dr. Gifford informed the Board of the HIV Bill recently approved by the House of Representatives. The Bill, which includes language regarding informed consent and patient education, is stalled in the Senate with concerns regarding requirements, or lack thereof, for written informed consent.

B. Dr. Cronin inquired if there had been a decision made regarding the Blue Cross/Blue Shield request for a variance. There was no knowledge of a decision made as of yet.

9. At 11:00 AM on a motion by Ms. McGowan seconded by Ms. Crawley it was voted to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor the meeting was adjourned.